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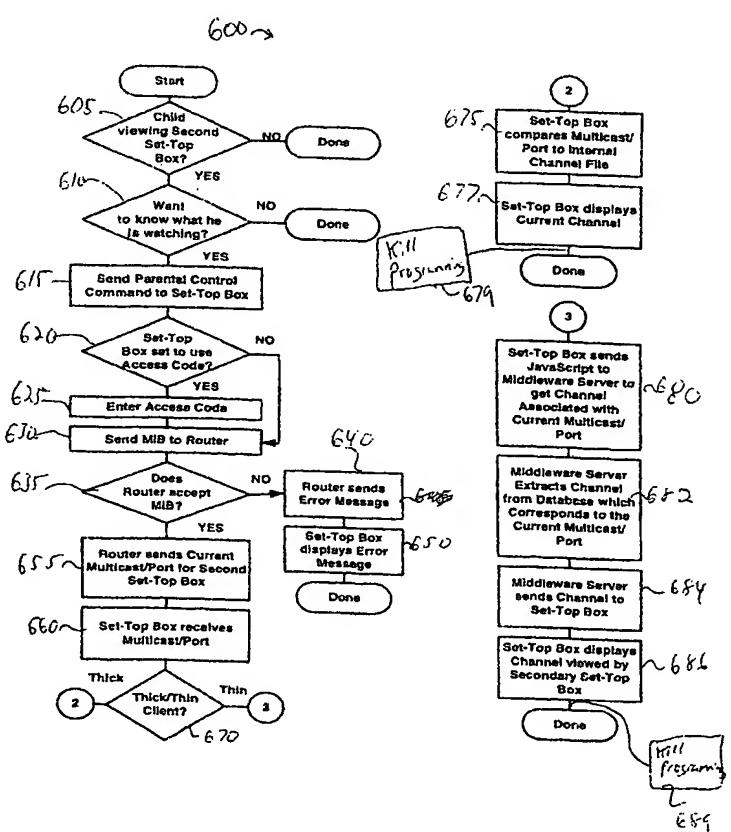
(57) Abstract: A system and method for obtaining information about a media object being rendered on a remote device is returned in response to a parental monitoring query. Specifically, a query is issued via a monitoring device (615) through a network connection. In response to such a query, information is returned back to the monitoring device (655) indicating a multicast address and port number to which the remote device is currently joined. The monitoring device then joins the multicast address and port number to receive the media object transmitted over such a multicast address. Optionally, the monitoring device kills the receipt of the media object by the remote device in response to a kill command (679, 689).

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